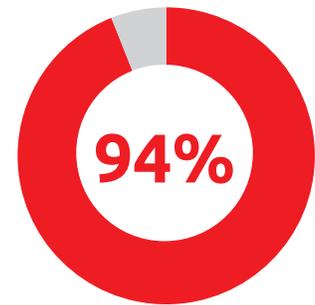


Sports Research Overview



More than **108,000** Special Olympics competitions were held in 2016, averaging **298 competitions per day** around the world.



Athletes improve sports skills through Special Olympics. In Argentina, Brazil, Peru, and China, **94%** reported improvements as a result of their participation.

53%

of Unified athletes reported **feeling a lot better** about themselves after participating

90%

of coaches reported improvement in athletes' **social skills and self-esteem**



46% of Unified football athletes and partners in Europe reported that their football skills improved a lot



After YEAR World Games in Shanghai, the percent of Chinese youth willing to work together on a class project with a student with intellectual disabilities **rose by 9%**.